

RCM Homeless Education Policy

The McKinney-Vento Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Definition

1. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings...
3. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Redwood Coast Montessori Homeless Liaison is: Bryan Little, Director,
info@redwoodmontessori.org P.O. Box 6103, Eureka, CA 95502 The Homeless Liaison is required to ensure that:

- homeless children and youth are identified, enrolled in school, and linked to services;
- parents and guardians of homeless children are informed of their educational rights;
- public notice of rights is disseminated;
- disputes are carried out under the state's McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process; and
- parents and guardians of homeless children are informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin;

General Assurances

Redwood Coast Montessori provides the following general assurances: continue a homeless child's education in the school of origin or enroll a homeless child in any public school that a non-homeless student who lives in the attendance area where the family is temporarily staying can attend, according to the child's best interest;

- enroll a homeless child or youth immediately in school, based on available space as defined by enrollment caps and results of public lottery
- provide food services to homeless students comparable to those offered to other students (homeless students are automatically eligible for free meals through the NSLP;

- make records available in a timely fashion when a homeless child or youth enters a new school or school district;
- provide services to homeless students that are comparable to those offered to other students (this would include providing transportation services comparable to those provided to other students);
- coordinate with local service agencies or programs that provide services to homeless children and youth;
- coordinate with the SEA, community, and school personnel responsible for providing services to homeless children and youth; and
- review and revise policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youth.

Adopted:

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